

# LIVESTOCK

## CATTLE

All cattle inventory as of January 1, 2003 was 405,000 head, down 10,000 head or 2 percent from the January 1, 2002 inventory. The inventory value for cattle was estimated at \$243.0 million, down 6 percent from the 2001 value of \$257.3 million. Value per head averaged \$600, down from the \$620 in 2001. The 2002 calf crop was 190,000 head, down 5,000 head from 2001. All cows that have calved, at 210,000 head, was down 5,000 head from 2002. Beef production for 2002 totaled 122.0 million pounds liveweight, down 9 percent from the 2001 production of 134.4 million pounds. Marketings totaled 145.6 million pounds, up 10 percent from the 2001 production of 132.4 million pounds. The average price per hundredweight was \$53.50 for cattle and \$74.00 for calves, compared to \$60.20 and \$83.90 respectively in 2001. Value of production decreased 18 percent from the \$82.9 million in 2001 to \$67.9 million in 2002. The gross income, including home consumption, totaled \$88.0 million, a decrease of 2 percent from the 2001 value of \$89.5 million.

## MILK

The average number of dairy cows in West Virginia during 2002 was 16,000 head, unchanged from 2001. The total milk produced was 243 million pounds, down from the 249 million in 2001. The milk used on farms totaled 3 million pounds, unchanged from 2001. There were 240 million pounds marketed, down from the 246 million pounds in 2001. Cash receipts from the milk marketed totaled \$30.5 million, down from the \$38.9 million in 2001. The gross producer income, including home consumption, totaled \$30.6 million, down from the \$39.0 million in 2001.

## SHEEP AND LAMBS

Sheep and lamb inventory on January 1, 2003, was estimated at 34,000 head, down 3,000 head from the previous year. The inventory value, at \$3.40 million, was down slightly from the 2001 value. Value per head averaged \$100.00, up \$8.00 from the previous year. The 2002 lamb crop totaled 33,000 head, up 1,000 head from last year. Sheep and lamb production for 2002 totaled 2.5 million pounds, down 2 percent from the 2001 production. The average price per hundredweight was \$25.30 for sheep and \$77.00 for lambs, compared to \$30.50 and \$69.10 respectively in 2001. The value of production totaled \$1.6 million, up slightly from the previous year. The gross income, including home consumption, totaled \$2.0 million, up 23 percent from the \$1.6 million in 2001. Sheep shorn in 2002 totaled 28,000 head, down 2,000 head from 2001. The average fleece weight was 6.2 pounds, up 0.2 pounds from 2001. Wool production totaled 174,000 pounds, down 6,000 pounds from 2001. The average price per pound was 22 cents, up 1 cent from the previous year. Value of production totaled \$38,000, unchanged from the 2001 value.

## HOGS AND PIGS

Hog and pig inventory as of December 1, 2002, totaled 11,000 head, unchanged from 2001. The inventory value was estimated at \$814,000, down 7 percent from the revised value of \$880,000 for 2001. The pig crop totaled 17,500 head, up 67 percent from the 2001 total. Pork production for 2002 was 4.2 million pounds, an increase of 67 percent from the 2001 production of 2.5 million pounds. Marketings of 3.4 million pounds during 2002 were 54 percent above the 2001 total marketings of 2.2 million pounds. The average price per hundredweight was \$32.00, down from the 2001 price of \$38.90. The value of production was \$1.4 million, 39 percent above the 2001 value of production of \$973,000. The gross income from hog production, including home consumption, totaled \$1.4 million, an increase of 43 percent from the revised 2001 value of \$1.0 million.